

TAX SEASON 2012: FAQ'S

HBPL will NOT be carrying print tax forms this year...

Where do I get tax forms?

- **Patrons are encourage to obtain tax forms online.** HBPL has public computers from which Federal and State forms and instructions can be printed or downloaded. Publications are available online at <http://www.irs.gov> (Federal) and <http://www.ftb.ca.gov> (State). A valid HBPL card is required to use the computers, and printouts are available at a cost of \$.15 per page. *Computer coaches at Central Library are available to provide only limited assistance with printing, and are unable to provide any tax assistance.*
- Persons who are unable to pay for printing tax forms or get to a library can order forms directly through the **Internal Revenue Service 1-800-829-1040** and the **California Franchise Tax Board 1-800-338-0505**
- Certain Orange County Public Library System (OCPL) branches carry limited forms. **Garden Grove Regional Library carries the most number of forms for this section of Orange County.** Smaller branch libraries like Fountain Valley and Westminster will only be receiving extremely limited supplies. *Please be aware, due to state and federal budget cuts, printing has been delayed until February for many popular forms.*

Where can I get help with filing my taxes?

As in the past years, some Orange County locations will host free tax assistance from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and the Tax Assistance for the Elderly (TCE). For information on tax resources available, visit the IRS tax assistance site: www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626,00.html

Why the change?

- The increased use of e-filing has prompted HBPL to stop carrying paper tax forms in its libraries, beginning January 2012, to bring savings and environmental benefits. This will help us to focus our limited staff and physical space on core library services.
- The environmental impacts will be tangible as we will no longer need to transport and organize *several thousand* printed forms and booklets, many of which end up discarded at the end of tax season.